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**Kazuo ISHIMOTO**  
 Serial No: 10/042,640  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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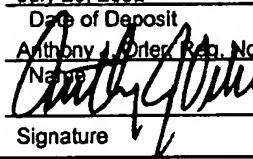
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter  
and consider the following amendments and remarks:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, starting at line 18 with the  
following text:

It is therefore an advantage of the present invention to reduce even  
further the power consumption of the digital still camera by reducing the  
power consumption of the above-mentioned voltage booster circuit.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the original Abstract of the Disclosure with the attached  
Abstract of the Disclosure.